Welcome back for Spring 2012

The 2011-2012 Academic year continues to challenge us all, and so far none of the issues mentioned in the fall have been taken off of the list!

I continue to be at the LTEC on Fridays from 10a.m. - 5 p.m. (approximately) with my wonderful student assistant Erin Farrell, but thanks to the hard work of Gerald Ratliff and Margaret Madden another course release will also allow me to be there Tuesday afternoons (approximately 1 - 4:30 p.m.). Even when I am not at the LTEC feel free to call (Math, x2063) or e-mail (millercc) me with questions or to suggest event topics.

The LTEC still has funds available for Facul-TE Awards, so please look at the guidelines to see if you qualify for funding. Be sure to get your application (electronically) to me at least two week before the activity or travel so that the Facul-TE Committee has time to consider it and determine if you will be awarded.

There is already a long list of events scheduled including a joint CUR/LTEC event on Ethics in Undergraduate Research and another about helping students with Asberger Syndrome organized by Sharon House. Others are still being added to the calendar so be sure to check back frequently. As you have come to expect, details about all of our coming events will arrive in my weekly e-mails.

As I always say, I hope to see you at the LTEC.

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LTEC Hours

The LTEC will be staffed on Tuesday afternoons (1pm – 4:30pm) and Fridays (10am – 5pm) during the spring semester. Join us for events, or just stop in. Some events may occur on other days, at the convenience of the presenter, so be sure to watch the LTEC Calendar!

LTEC Student Assistant

Erin Farrell, will again be my assistant at the LTEC. Her hard work was invaluable with reduced hours I could commit to the LTEC during the fall, and I look forward to working with her again this spring.

Diversity Workshops

Among the events this spring will be at least one (maybe more) diversity workshops, as part of a grant from SUNY to incorporate diversity into the curriculum. If you are interested in the workshop contact Susan Stebbins (stebbisa) for more details.

February 23, 2012 – Join R. Deborah Davis for the workshop titled “Addressing the Achievement Gap”. The time of the workshop has not been set so details will follow.

Funding Opportunities from the LTEC

The Learning and Teaching Excellence Center has funds available to support small teaching excellence projects designed by faculty. The project should be conducive to the improvement of teaching and active learning strategies in the classroom and college environment.

Facul-TE Awards cannot be used to purchase computer equipment or software, and must conform to the purchasing policies of the college. The funds can be used for travel to workshops or conferences if they directly relate to the applicant's teaching. This must be clearly explained in the application.

Since funds are limited, a maximum of $400 can be awarded for a project. Applications are being accepted but funds must be used by May 15, 2012 to be considered, with priority to faculty that have not been awarded in the previous year.

For more details and to find the online coversheet required with the proposal go to the Facul-TE Funding page. Proposals must be submitted both electronically and in hard copy.
Coming Events

There are still events being scheduled so be sure to check the LTEC calendar, and watch your e-mail throughout the semester.

**Friday February 3, 2012  12(noon) - 1 p.m.**
IRB Approval of Classroom Projects (LTEC Classroom)

**Friday February 10, 2012  12(noon) - 1 p.m.**
Wading Through the IRB Forms (LTEC Classroom)

**Friday February 10, 2012  12(noon) - 1 p.m.**
New Faculty Seminar - Reappointment and Promotion (LTEC)

**Friday February 17, 2012  2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**
Breaking it down and Building it Up: Scaffolding for Student Success (LTEC Classroom)

**Tuesday February 21, 2012  7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**
Ethics and Undergraduate Research: A Faculty Panel Discussion (Kellas 104)

**Thursday February 23, 2012  Time TBA**
Addressing the Achievement Gap

**Friday February 24, 2012  2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**
The Vision of Interdisciplinary (LTEC Classroom)

**Friday March 2, 2012  2:00 - 3:00 p.m.**
Assisting Students with Asberger Syndrome (LTEC Classroom)

**Friday March 23, 2012  12(noon) - 1:00 p.m.**
Smooth Sailing through the IRB Process

**Friday March 30, 2012  2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**
Integrated Course Design for Significant Learning Experiences (LTEC Classroom)

**Friday April 20, 2012  4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
Creating Interdisciplinary Campus Cultures: A Model for Strength and Sustainability (LTEC Classroom)

**Friday April 27, 2012  3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**
Learning Communities  (LTEC)